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Parker, Fearrey compete for reeve seat

Jenn Watt
Editor

The people of Dysart et al now have a couple of candidates for reeve to mull over ahead of the Oct. 27 municipal election.

On Friday, Aug. 22, two familiar faces filed their papers almost simultaneously for the top spot in the municipality that includes Haliburton, West Guilford, Harcourt, Donald and points in between.

Former councillor and owner of Parker Pad and Printing, Janis Parker announced she was running for reeve in the morning and only a couple of hours later, current Reeve Murray Fearrey joined the race.

Fearrey said it is his common practice to wait until close to the end of the nomination period to file his papers.

"I've been waiting to see if someone else was sincerely interested in being the reeve," he said.

"I never file early. I never have. ... Now that we've got somebody else in the field, I

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Nicholls golfs for dental outreach clinic

Former NHLer Bernie Nicholls, who was accepting donations to drive to the green for people, watches his shot on the 15th hole during the fourth annual Volunteer Dental Outreach Golf Tournament on Aug. 21 at the Blairhampton Golf Course. More on the page 11.

Darren Lum Staff

Report cites major hurdles for eastern Ontario

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

An aging population, desperately needed infrastructure funding and a disproportionately high residential tax base are some of the major challenges a new economic development strategy identifies for Eastern Ontario.

A joint project of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus and Eastern Ontario Mayors' Committee, the strategy was unveiled at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario

(AMO) conference in London last week.

The EOWC contains 103 member municipalities, including the townships of Haliburton County.

While municipalities work at economic development (in the county, this takes places at the lower-tier level), the EOWC and EOMC believe a more regional approach is required to address some major concerns, and they commissioned the 40-page report from consultants Millier Dickinson Blais with provincial and federal funding.

Demographically, the region is old and

getting older.

Nineteen per cent of the population of eastern Ontario is 65 or older and 32 per cent is between the ages of 45 and 65.

Not only does this have ramifications for social services, housing and health-care needs, "it also raises concerns about about labour force replacement and the potential for skill shortages over the next 20 years," the report reads. "As immigration is expected to drive Ontario's net labour force to an even greater degree in the coming years, reinforcing the importance of

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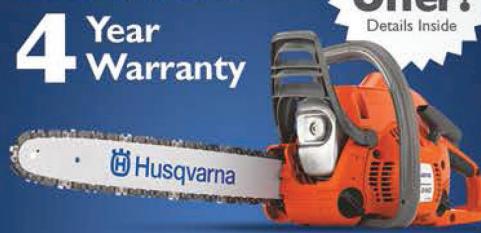


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Candidates envision future of Dysart et al

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decided I would file."

Parker said she was motivated to run by her desire to improve life in the Highlands for all segments of the population.

"It doesn't make sense to me we can live in this wonderful area and have such diversity and options and not be able to pull it together," said Parker, referring to the need to address poverty issues.

Parker said her experience running a successful business has given her many of the skills necessary to do the job of reeve.

"The ability to run a business is really relevant because Dysart is a business and your ability to deal with staff and crises and delegate, I think that's very important," she said.

Under her leadership, Parker Pad and Printing has grown substantially. It has 65 employees and is ranked the largest company in Canada wholly owned by a woman, she said.

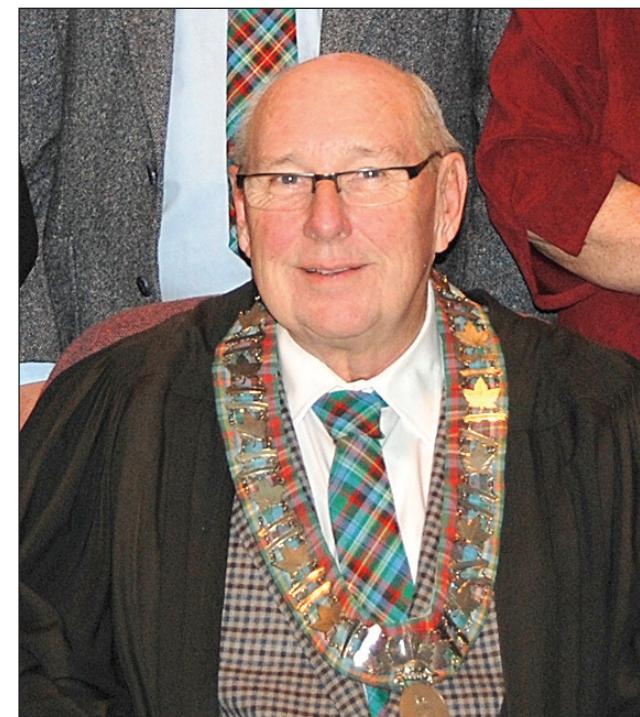
Additionally, she has been an active volunteer in many facets of the community including the Volunteer Dental Outreach, land trust, business incubator, Dysart cultural resources committee, U-Links and West Guilford Community Centre board among others.

If elected, Parker would like to create a plan that would guide council's decisions in economic development issues.

She said she has great respect for the work Fearrey has done over the years and wants to provide an option to vot-



Businesswoman and former councillor Janis Parker is running for reeve of Dysart et al. Darren Lum Staff



Current Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey announced his intentions to run again on Aug. 22. File photo

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— Janis Parker

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— Murray Fearrey

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"I don't want to say anything negative about what's come before because I'm really pleased with what Murray's done over the years and the status quo has been really successful. I just think it's time to maybe start a new plan."

Fearrey said he won't be releasing details of his campaign until after nomination day, however he did say that the next four years would require attention to the business community, keeping taxes affordable and looking at recreational opportunities.

Fearrey has been reeve for 34 years and has been warden 12 times.

He said his experience and track record makes him the best candidate for the job.

"I still think I can make a difference," Fearrey said on Friday. "I'm always cognizant of people's ability to pay [taxes] and the overall good of everybody."

He said over the years he has provided steady leadership

and a council that moves forward together on projects.

During his time serving in politics, Haliburton has seen the installation of a sewer system, rejuvenation of Head Lake Park, construction of a medical centre, library and Fleming College. Recently, the streetscape on both Highland and York streets were done under council directive.

"That's leadership," he said.

When first elected, Fearrey was 29 years old – the youngest councillor the municipality has seen. He was motivated by the village's need for a public sewer system and the previous council was against it.

"I also knew that we had no vision of Head Lake Park," he said. He ran against the incumbent and won.

Politics has been in his blood ever since, he said.

"I'm pretty dedicated and I'm pretty committed," he said.

Correction

The CoHo clothing line is an initiative of Clayton Hodgson, not Cody Hodgson. The launch of the clothing line held last week was a fundraiser for Abbey Gardens. The money collected from the autographed pictures with Cody and a percentage of the clothing sales were donated to Abbey Gardens.

The poem *Ode to the Dymo Bus* in the *Echo*, Aug. 6, was written by Ev Stata. Her name was inadvertently left off the poem.

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Eastern Ontario struggles paying for roads

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programs to attract newcomers to eastern Ontario and promote effective economic integration will be essential."

Not only does the region need to attract new people, it needs better support and infrastructure for existing businesses.

An assessment of the business landscape based on 2012 figures shows that an overwhelming majority of businesses in the region - 98 per cent - fall into the "small business" category.

Fifty-one per cent of businesses identify as the self-employed and sole-proprietor sort.

Construction companies make up nearly 15 per cent of businesses in eastern Ontario, followed by retail at just less than 12 per cent, followed by professional, scientific or technical services at just more than 10 per cent.

Next are real estate, leasing and rental companies, comprising about nine per cent of the marketplace.

Manufacturing, which took a drastic nosedive throughout the province between 2006 and 2011, accounts for just three per cent.

Stakeholder focus groups identified improved infrastructure as a major need. This includes not just transportation infra-

structure, but technological infrastructure as well as human resources infrastructure, such as business support, entrepreneur training and mentoring and skills upgrading.

"There was a sense that appropriate infrastructure is lacking or inadequate in many communities and under-utilized in others," the report reads. "There was some support for thinking of infrastructure regionally, based on concepts of growth corridors and nodes, as well as cross-boundary collaboration to maintain market and fully utilize capacity."

In terms of transportation infrastructure, some respondents suggested the need for an integrated transportation network encompassing highways 7, 35, 115, 416, 417 and the 407 extension into the area.

Securing provincial and federal funding for roads work is a major priority, since the mainly residential tax base means municipalities can't afford required roads projects on their own.

"A limited commercial and industrial tax assessment base means that eastern Ontario relies almost exclusively on residential tax base assessment as its primary source of revenue," the report reads. "This means that individual households are carrying almost all the cost of paying for local services, including services which are pro-

vided to provincial facilities and assets."

Since 2000, municipal debt has grown by 216 per cent. Its collective municipal debt has risen from \$668 million to \$2.1 billion.

Spread evenly over all the residences in eastern Ontario, this would equate to \$1,400 of debt per household.

Meanwhile, collective municipal reserves spread out evenly would amount to \$900 per household.

"Municipalities in eastern Ontario are also being hampered in their ability to pay the costs of delivering services by design of policy and programs that limit options for participating," the report continues. "As such, rural eastern Ontario is carrying most of the responsibility for the region's infrastructure, estimated at approximately \$3.5 billion."

The report suggests a need for a regional approach to economic development and identifies three, major strategic priorities; workforce development and deployment, technology integration and innovation and integrated and intelligent transportation systems.

It recommends that an "arm's length economic development secretariat" be developed for the region in the next 12 to 18 months.

Acting as a liaison between stakeholders and tracking progress on regional economic

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Rural eastern Ontario is carrying most of the responsibility for the region's infrastructure.

— Report commissioned by Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus

development initiatives, it would include a 10-member board of directors.

It's recommended the makeup of that board be: two directors from the EOWC, one director from EO Network Inc., one director from the Eastern Ontario Development Fund's regional office, one director from the separated cities in Eastern Ontario, two from directors from the private sector and two, at-large directors representing stakeholders.

Directors would be appointed annually.

The full report can be found on the EOWC's website at www.eowc.org.



Bandstand gets big support

The Gooderham Bandstand committee accepts a \$10,000 cheque from the Haliburton County Development Corporation under the protection of the new bandstand on Aug. 21. Completed earlier this month, the bandstand was a multi-year project, with funds raised through many events and initiatives. The first concert was held at the bandstand on Aug. 16, with more than 300 people in attendance. The committee hopes to hold many more events there in the near future. From left, committee members Dave Rogers, Rick and Gail Roffey, Clayton Marsh and Donna Graham, HCDC assistant director Patti Tallman and Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton.

Angelica Blenich Staff

New project ramps up accessibility in Haliburton Village

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

For Bev Kraulis five inches seemed like an insurmountable barrier.

So much so that last winter, when she and her husband were looking to book a trip, making her way into TravelPlus on Highland Street was a challenge, she said.

"The step is only five inches but if you have a disability that can be a big barrier," said Kraulis.

As someone who has mobility issues, Kraulis, a member of the Haliburton County Joint Accessibility Committee, is a strong advocate for improving access for all.

She was one of the initiators behind a new project launched in Haliburton Village last week, appropriately called StopGap.

The pilot project provides a brightly coloured, wooden ramp that can be placed in front of the door, eliminating a gap between the building and the sidewalk.

On Aug. 19 members of the community gathered in front of Subway restaurant and TravelPlus, the first two locations to sign up for the project, to officially place the first ramps.

The ramps are free to businesses and can help those with mobility issues gain better access, along with seniors, children and mothers with strollers, explained Angela Andrews, health promoter with the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

"We're just thrilled to be able to do this for our community," she said at the launch.

The pilot project was an initiative of both the health unit and Aging Well Committee, a group of citizens that aims to make Haliburton County both safe and senior friendly.

"We've done a lot of work over the years ... trying to create a healthier, more active, age friendly community because of our aging population," said Andrews, who chairs the committee.

Members of the committee believed the ramp project would help those with accessibility issues and businesses were keen to come on board.

The project received funding from the Haliburton County Development Corporation, said Andrews.

The wood for the ramps was purchased at Emmerson

Lumber and they were constructed by students in the environmental specialist high skills major program at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Aging Well committee members helped paint the ramps, which can be whatever colour a business chooses.

The ramps are not a permanent fixture, but are meant to act as a removable aid at the owner's discretion. They are covered with a coating to prevent slipping.

Along with the brightly coloured ramp, businesses will be equipped with a sign to post in the window alerting customers that a ramp is available, as well as a doorbell.

Linda Coneybeare is familiar with accessibility and the challenges that come with it.

A travel consultant whose husband is in a wheelchair, Coneybeare did not hesitate to participate in the StopGap project.

"I have a personal interest in all of this," said Coneybeare, who explained getting into local businesses can sometimes be challenging for her and her husband. "We're not the only ones ... I want to practice what I preach."

She hopes other businesses get involved in the pilot project.

Not only will the ramps help customers but it could have major benefits for businesses too, said Kraulis.

"As a disabled person I think it's terrific," she said. "Lots of people avoid businesses if they're not accessible. I think this will be good for business."

Subway managers Ruchita Shah and Neel Shah couldn't agree more, believing the ramps are a good idea for everyone, including families and kids.

"Customers appreciate it," said Neel.

Kraulis was grateful to those who had taken on the project, which was fully supported by the municipality of Dysart et al.

A consultant on the project, Kate Hall believes many businesses strive to be as accessible as possible.

"Many of the businesses in our community want to be more accessible ... but I think sometimes businesses still struggle with how do we do it," said Hall. "And we're dealing with old built form and we only have so much room on the sidewalks so it's tricky sometimes to be able to provide better access into facilities."

Hall believes the project will challenge more people to think about accessibility.

While not all facilities can accommodate the ramps, other businesses are looking for ways to be more accessible, such as the Office Supply store in Haliburton Village.

According to Hall, the supply store was interested in the ramp project but not eligible, due to a trick step and therefore installed a permanent ramp.

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott congratulated all who made the project possible, touting it as a fabulous initiative.

"It's hard to be accessible," she said at the launch. "It's an investment, so I thank you for your initiative."

Pointing to the large seniors population in Haliburton County, Scott believed the ramps would help people feel

welcome.

Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce manager Rosemarie Jung echoed Scott's sentiments and said more businesses could capitalize on this project.

Founded out of Toronto, StopGap has ramps all over the province, including in neighbouring towns including Huntsville.

The program has expanded to include more than 300 ramps in communities such as Haliburton, said Andrews.

"This is a pilot project, so we're really just wanting to see how this works in our community," said Andrews. "We're hoping that more people in the community can take this on and more businesses will see the success of it."

Businesses interested in the project are welcome to contact Andrews at 705-457-1391 or by email at aandrews@hkpr.on.ca.

More information about StopGap can be found at www.stopgap.ca.



Angelica Blenich Staff

Bev Kraulis has no difficulty getting into Subway in Haliburton Village on Aug. 19 with the help of a new ramp. Subway was one of two businesses to launch the StopGap pilot project, an initiative of the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit and the Aging Well Committee, which provides better accessibility for all who need it. The ramps are free to businesses and were made locally.



Angelica Blenich Staff

Angela Andrews presents Neel Shah, left, and Ruchita Shah of Subway with a certificate of recognition on Aug. 19. Subway was one of two businesses to launch the StopGap pilot project, an initiative of the health unit and the Aging Well Committee, which provides better accessibility for all who need it with the help of a ramp and a doorbell.

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OPP cost estimates in for municipality of Dysart

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed during an Aug. 25 meeting of Dysart et al council.

Although the new OPP billing formula was just announced earlier this month, the municipality of Dysart already has a good idea of what the new model will cost the township.

Treasurer Barbara Swannell told councillors that while final numbers were to be submitted in September, residents in Dysart are looking at an increase of \$11.21 per \$100,000 of assessment in 2015.

That number will be capped at \$40, as per the stipulations in the funding formula.

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Some people think we didn't do enough ... if all the municipalities had picked it up as well as Haliburton County did, we would have got some better results.

— Reeve Murray Fearrey

For the municipality that translates to roughly \$313,000 of additional expense for next year's budget, said Swannell.

The model is being phased in over a five-year period, meaning Dysart could see similar jumps in costs over the next five years.

“Exact dollars will be made clear in September,” said Swannell.

Reeve Murray Fearrey said he believed the municipality was paying its fair share before, however now Dysart will be burdening the cost for areas with a high crime rate, with no change in service.

“Some people think we didn't do enough,” said Fearrey, adding residents and associations across the county acted swiftly and diligently when the proposed changes were first announced. “If all the municipalities had picked it up as well as Haliburton County did, we would have got some better results. Now they're all concerned about it, now that they have to get the bill.”

Pumpkins will roll down York Street

There will be a sea of orange rolling down the street during this year's Colourfest festivities.

For the first time since Colourfest began, the event will include a pumpkin rolling contest held on York Street.

Haliburton Business Improvement Area administrator and Colourfest coordinator Gail Stelter told councillors what to expect from this year's fall festival.

Once again it will include a farmers' market, pontoon boat rides, scarecrow contest,

a car show, live music, a kids' fun zone and a pet pooch contest.

New this year will be the pumpkin contest, wagon rides and more.

Stelter told councillors she had made arrangements for clean-up of the pumpkin contest and talked to public works director Brian Nicholson about it.

Stelter said she is still seeking out sponsorships and volunteers for this year's festival, which she believes is a true community event.

“I feel very privileged that the BIA lets me do this,” she said.

The municipality passed a resolution to close down York Street to vehicle traffic from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. for the pumpkin contest.

An initiative of the BIA, Colourfest will take place on Saturday, Oct. 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Haliburton Village.

More info can be found at www.colourfest.ca.



Angelica Blenich Staff

The inaugural Cottage Country Dog Festival was held in Head Lake Park on Aug. 16. Next year, the event may expand to be held over two-days.

and Business Development committee of council.

Dog festival could expand

Although the rain poured down on the inaugural Cottage Country Dog Festival held earlier this month, residents could get another chance to watch dogs dive into water.

Fearrey told councillors there was potential to grow the event and the municipality might consider making it a two-day festival in the park next year.

Going forward, the festival will be reviewed and considered by the Housing

Sewage site closed permanently: MOE

Jenn Watt
Editor

A piece of land off Highway 118 near West Guilford will no longer be used for spreading septic waste, the Ministry of Environment says.

On Aug. 7, sewage hauler Haliburton Septic Pumping withdrew its appeal to the MOE after the ministry had rejected a request to re-approve use of the site in June.

“There will be no future disposal of hauled sewage at this site,” MOE Peterborough district manager David Bradley wrote in an email to the *Echo*.

The ministry decided not to renew approval for spreading septic waste following complaints from some neighbours that odours from the property were affecting their quality of life.

While conducting their review of the site, the ministry took water samples from surrounding wells. Bradley said fecal streptococcus was found in three of those wells. However, following treatment, the water was deemed safe.

“Samples that have been collected from the treated water have not shown any bacteriological contamination,” Bradley said.

The MOE is now determining the source of the bacteria.

The ministry will continue to collect water samples from the wells in the area and assess the results to determine potential sources of the fecal streptococcus.”

Fecal streptococci are bacteria found in human and animal waste and are listed in the Ontario Water Resources Act as an “indicator of aversive water quality.”

Jen Maher and Scott Welch live on

Shamba Trail, about 175 metres from the site and have regularly complained to the ministry about the smells.

Following testing by the MOE, the couple discovered their well was one of those contaminated with fecal streptococcus.

“I was horrified when I opened the attachment to see we were now contaminated,” Maher said in an email to the *Echo*.

“We have since been notified that no bacteria was present in results of the water sample taken after our ultra violet treatment system, but it is still hard to trust our water and we are using bottled water for cooking now,” she said.

Fellow Shamba Trail residents Ilia and Grenville Griffin also complained about the smell to the ministry, which Grenville said had previously disrupted social gatherings.

Maher said the experience has made her critical of the legislation around groundwater safety and the approval of sewage spreading.

“The MOE does not have systems in place to accurately ensure the environment isn't harmed with this activity,” she said.

“The rules of spreading raw sewage near residential homes must be changed. Our situation is proof of this need for change. The neighbouring homes have absolutely no say in the approval process; in fact, they are not required to be notified. It's absurd.”

Maher referenced a speech given in 2001 by then-environmental commissioner of Ontario Gord Miller in which he states that rules are not “founded on the need to protect ecosystems or ground water.”

“It could be said he is describing our situation now, however, it [the speech] was from 13 years ago,” said Maher.

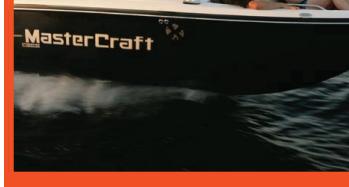
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A rare race

LAST WEEK WAS an active one in the municipal contests of the eastern part of Haliburton County.

Most notable was the bombshell of Friday, when the reeve's race in Dysart et al went from no candidates to two in the span of a few hours.

Janis Parker, former Ward 4 councillor, 2010 deputy-reeve candidate and proprietor of Parker Pad and Printing, filed papers to run for the township's top spot.

Shortly thereafter, any speculation that longtime Reeve Murray Fearrey was not going to seek re-election was halted when he filed papers to reclaim his seat.

While perhaps not quite as gob-smacking as the situation in Minden Hills, where one of Reeve Barb Reid's former slate members has risen up in a bid to topple her, the mere act of anyone contesting Fearrey in Dysart is head-turning.

It hasn't happened in more than a decade, not since he was challenged in the 2003 election.

With more than 40 years in municipal politics, 34 as reeve, Fearrey has nearly crossed the line from longtime leader to full-blown institution.

He's Haliburton's Hazel McCullion.



Chad Ingram
Reporter

To call Parker an underdog is an understatement.

She has council experience, demonstrated success as a business owner and plenty of involvement with not-for-profit organizations. But to stack that up against a political resume of four decades will be a challenge.

That written, politics is unpredictable, an arena where little is impossible.

Parker has said that Dysart residents should have an alternative to Fearrey and certainly choice makes the fall election that much more democratic.

And having an actual contest for the reeve's seat in Dysart will certainly make it more interesting.

So far, two of the county's four reeves are still heading for anticlimactic acclamations.

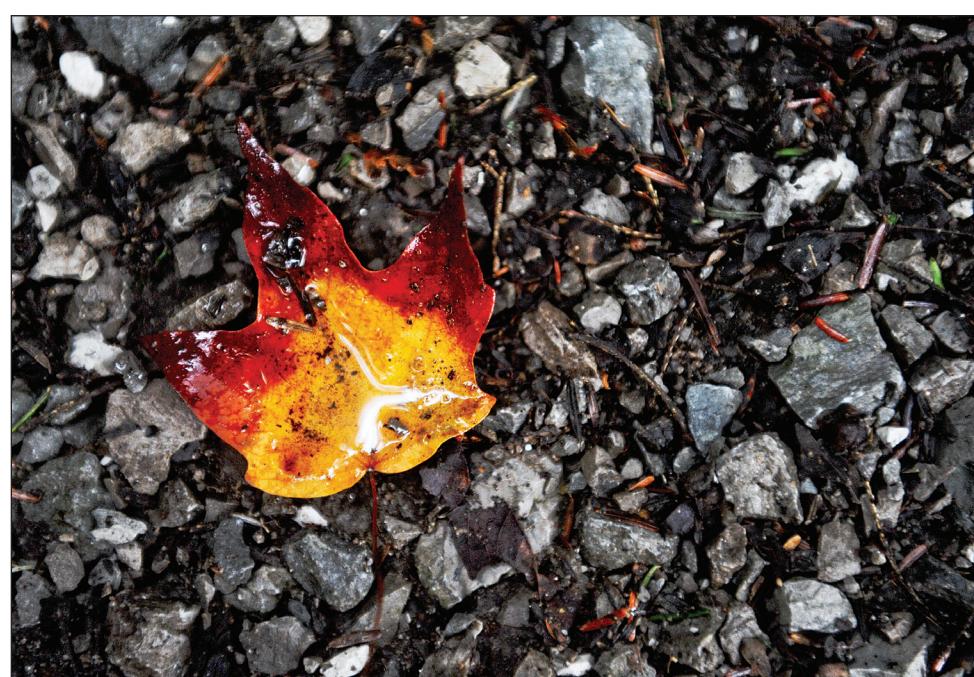
Yawn.

Last week also saw the dynamics of the Highlands East election change dramatically.

Before Aug. 21, only incumbents had filed nomination papers. At press time there were contests for councillor positions in three wards.

All those with the courage, drive and tenacity to put their name on a ballot should be commended.

Candidates for the Oct. 27 municipal elections can file until 2 p.m. on Sept. 12.



Autumn leaf

by Darren Lum

Purification

AS WE TRANSITION from our summer activities, adventures and lifestyle into the routines of the fall, many people want to re-establish or create new routines for healthy living and fitness.

I think for many of us, whether we are working or on vacation in the summer, we have different routines and rhythms in July and August.

Most of us tend to socialize more and perhaps even eat or drink more and while it is fun, it also eventually feels like we all need some kind of routine back in our lives.

The hatha yoga system is based on seven steps that a yogi can work on to achieve the ultimate gift of yoga which is really a sense of connection and reverence with all of life and the energy that creates life.

There are many styles of yoga out there and they are all valuable and so it is important to know what your intention is so that you choose a practice that suits your needs. The first two steps in the yoga practice are purification and strengthening.

These first two steps are grouped together and called the preliminary stage and basically they are about being focused on the body and getting it ready for the journey (in the yoga practice the journey will take you into steps 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, but I also like to think that this first stage also prepares you for the journey of your life this fall).

Step 1, purification, essentially is about cleansing your body so that you feel light and free and connected to your own soul and spirit. If we feel tired or lethargic all the time it is hard

to go on any journey.

Yoga postures, breathing techniques and eating healthy are three ways of purifying your body.

For many people a glass of wine becomes an evening ritual in the summer. Setting an intention to reduce wine and increase a bit of activity will gently begin to help the body purify.

The second step, strength, is about pushing yourself and going against the grain a bit so that you can develop a strong centre (core is the word in our society).

Whether you are 18 and going off to college or university, or 45 and going back to work, or 70 and wanting to be healthy to go curling and play with your grandchildren you need strength in your body. And whether it is through yoga, pilates, zumba, biking, hiking, gardening, running etc. we can all keep focused on maintaining and increasing our bodily strength.

The yoga practice recognizes that first the yogi must work on their physical body and then the practice starts to address the next stage, which is related to a calm and steady mind.

There are so many ways and opportunities to be active and fit in this community. There are so many role models of all ages out there in the park, on the rail trail, in a canoe, with a dog, etc.

We all have to start where we are and feel good about that. I often wonder if exercise really is the best medicine that we give our body. Have a great transition into the fall everyone.



Lynda Shadbolt
Tales from the Great Green Meadow



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points of view

Shakespeare move over

IT'S FUNNY HOW some things get better with age. To illustrate this point, I'll use one of my many areas of expertise - fine wines.

Imagine, you are at a fancy restaurant and, with your onion rings the waiter brings you, as requested, a wine list of their best labels for under \$4. One is neat little domestic called Old Gym Sock 2014 (August); the other is Old Gym Sock 2009.

Which one is better?

You don't have to be a wine snob to know the answer is Old Gym Sock 2009. Why? It is older and, in wines, older is typically better.

Interestingly, the same thing does not apply to seafood.

But it does apply to literature.



Steve Galea
Loon Tales

That's the main reason Shakespeare is considered great even though for the most part he wrote as if he had no understanding of modern English. I mean who uses the words "wherefore" or "doth"?

Between you and me, the only line of his I ever understood was "Out, damned Spot!" but since I don't like dog stories, I never finished reading why he wanted the dog out of the house.

Still, Shakespeare is widely considered one of our greatest writers - not that I'm bitter.

I guess what I'm saying is time heals all literary wounds. Heck, in 200 years or so, they'll probably be lecturing about my writing in centres of higher education.

With that in mind, I am writing the rest of this column for the student of the future who is forced to read it as part of his/her class on Unusual Writers of the 21st Century, of which I will likely be considered a great.

Here it goes.

Dear student,

The first thing you should know is though this writing probably seems mediocre at best by your modern standards, here and now, in 2014, it is considered pure literary genius by some. Ah, who am I kidding? Everyone considers my writing pure literary genius. If you take nothing else away from this course, take that.

As a side note, my computer's grammar check tells me the sentence should read "Ah, whom am I kidding?" but that just sounds weird. So I did what all great writers do, I broke the rule. The second thing you should take away from this course is you can only use that excuse so many times to editors before they start to suspect.

Moving on, you should also know I have won several Pulitzer prizes for columns such as these. I'm only mentioning this because the computer that records Pulitzer-prize-winning columnists crashed last week so all mention of my multiple awards was wiped out. So please, let others know. I held the record. Honest.

I know Pulitzer prizes are probably no big deal to you since I imagine in your time they are very likely awarded to authors who compose text messages devoid of spelling mistakes. But here, in 2014, they are a big deal. And this is just one reason I am considered the most celebrated writer of my time.

Oh, I am also six-foot-four with ruggedly handsome good looks and a cougar-like physique. The cameras we currently use, however, make everyone look shorter, balder and fatter. So, should you wish to Photoshop those errors out of any photos of me you plan on using in your thesis, feel free.

It also occurs to me you will probably be forced to read my writing alongside those of another of my contemporaries, one Sir Mix-A-Lot.

Before you think he is all that, I should mention despite his claim that he "cannot lie," he was never awarded any knighthood that I'm aware of. Do believe him, however, when he says he likes big butts. That much, at least, is clearly true.

I suspect the work of other writers of my era survive too. But, rest assured the collective works penned by Sir Mix-A-Lot and me provide an accurate glimpse of what passed as classic literature in my time.

As for that guy named Shakespeare, ignore him. As far as I know, he only wrote about dogs.

letters to the editor

Nothing fair about billing model

To Yasir Naqvi, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services,

There's nothing fair about your "fairness, equity and transparency" plan to raise property taxes. Speaking only about Highlands East, I'm taking into consideration the population, the poverty, the low crime rate, the average age in the community, the few year-round residences and the almost invisible police presence - all say that your method of "fairness" is greatly flawed.

As a permanent resident for the past six years, my property taxes have more than doubled, my pension has remained the same, and I'm getting no more service for my buck. Your method of "fairness" increases my taxes and gives me nothing in return - in your mind, that is fair!

As to your cost per call, that's BS. You forgot that the mandate of the police is to serve and protect. A

portion of our tax dollars pay for the police to be on the job 24/7 no matter if he or she is sitting in the office or on the road patrol. Making an emergency call is part of the job.

As noted in my previous letter, just about every other business is downsizing and cutting cost by trimming the fat in order to stay afloat. Running the police department is no different. Start by trimming the fat, by keeping police vehicles a little longer, stop buying expensive ATVs, snowmobiles, boats, beefed up fast cars and other expensive toys. Only then you can justify increases and only to the communities where police services have increased.

This you can truly call a "fairness, equity and transparency" plan.

**Brad Bradshaw
Tory Hill**

Voice support for county pool

To the editor,

I support Lynda Shadbolt's very positive views in "Bring it on" in the Aug. 12 Echo. I too am grateful for the tremendously successful ventures that have evolved due to the creative vision, money, skills, and persistence of a few dedicated individuals. To her examples of the Northern Lights Pavilion, the libraries, and Fleming College, I'd like to add the Folk Society, Haliburton Forest, the Sculpture Forest and our farmers' markets.

The tremendous success the two markets are currently experiencing is the result of a small number of people passionate about making local food more accessible. At one of the many local food meetings from 2007 to 2009 one of the participants voiced the desire to "take a leap of faith"; instead of spending more time, money, and energy on further analysis and research, the group took some risks and opened the first market a couple of months later at Robertson's Marina in Haliburton. Over the years, changes have occurred and now thanks to Dysart council and a very committed market board, the market in Haliburton village has a fabulous location which has helped foster their achievements.

It is time for the Dysart council to show the same support for the building of a pool/recreation centre complex. Thanks to Gay Bell and the dedicated pool committee, thorough research has been done. I've attended a presentation to council and read several pool committee reports with well documented evidence. They have discovered other small Ontario communities that have successfully built and maintained a comparable, economically sustainable structure. They have plans to make it accessible to all

ages and income levels.

Supporters of the pool have expressed varied reasons for a local pool/recreation centre . . . the main ones being a place to maintain good health and have recreation for current residents. I also believe that this complex would be an added incentive to keep our present population and attract new families to our county. I'd like to share two experiences that strengthen my opinion that our community will benefit from having this facility. During my 25 years teaching in Minden and Haliburton, I learned that a huge number of young people did not know how to swim; not all families can afford to live on lakes or have the time, energy, and transportation to take their children to the few safe and open beaches we have or to the pool in Bracebridge for lessons. It seems that too many children and their parents are boating and snowmobiling on our lakes without the essential ability to save themselves from drowning. For a few years I've been fortunate to swim at the Pinestone Resort, the only pool available in our county. Although I am currently healthy enough to participate in many forms of exercise, I've regularly shared the pool with physically challenged seniors for whom this was the only type of exercise they could do. The current fee for an individual monthly pool membership is \$75 . . . \$30 more than the rate supported by hundreds of locals completing the recent pool survey.

I urge others who want this pool to let our local politicians know we want them to take a leap of faith and make this vision a reality.

**Sharon Harrison,
Ingoldsby**

Time to leave OPP out of policing

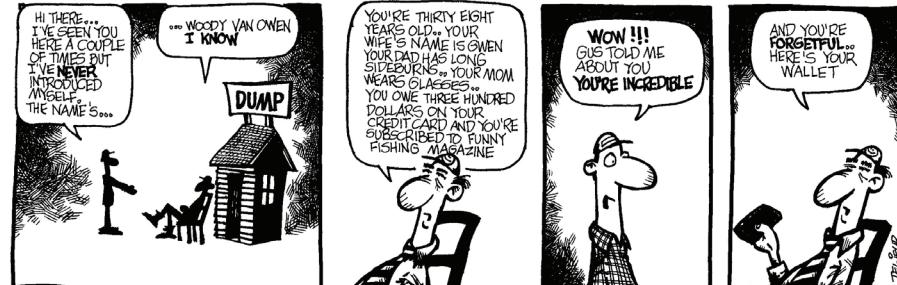
To the Editor,

I would suggest to our local government officials that this change made by this Provincial Government is substantive and thus allows our local government to look at other options. One option is return to a police force for the county/towns that we

can control and leave the OPP out of local policing. I believe that \$3.3 million is enough to do this with. We should not just give in to provincial downloading caused by an inept provincial government.

Patrick Berne

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Growing with Highlands soil in mind

Jenn Watt

Editor

This is the third in a four-part series on local food.

When it comes to local food, Haliburton County is a land of small operations – large gardens or small farms depending on whom you ask.

It's not an environment for those seeking wealth through agriculture, but it does lend itself well to organic growing methods.

Across the Highlands, buyers can find a wide variety of meat, grain and vegetables raised organically, though few are certified organic producers.

Perhaps it's because food production is necessarily small scale in Haliburton County that those who choose to take on the difficult lifestyle also have a streak of idealism; or it could be that creativity is essential to find a way to make the swaths of forest into productive soil.

Of prime concern to Haliburton growers using organic methods is the health of the land and while they eschew the organic certification as overly expensive and onerous, the practices are sound, they say.

Dave and Cheryl Bathe have been living on a 200-acre property in Gelert since the early 1980s.

While gardening and agriculture have always been of interest to the couple it wasn't until about five years ago, that Dave Bathe started thinking seriously about starting up an organic grain industry in the Highlands.

"I wanted to see ... if I could plow up one acre and organically kill the weeds that were in an old hay field and produce a bit of grain," says Dave, sitting on the deck of his country home, surrounded by gardens, fruit trees and a hoop house for cultivating plants during the cold Highlands spring.

"My first goal was to start a crop rotation, which I had been reading about in this book, *Small Scale Grain Raising*. So I did that and I grew some fall rye. Part of it I was plowing under and part of it was going to seed so I could use it for making flour. The word got out."



Dave Bathe stands in his fields in the noon sun this August. Along with Ken Sedgwick, Bathe is growing grain for the Haliburton Grain CSA, which provides a variety of grains to 60 shareholders.

Jenn Watt Staff

Before he knew it he had the names of 15 people who wanted to buy grain and he set about finding a way to produce it.

Bathe doesn't call himself a farmer, but he does know a few and he was able to connect with his neighbour Ken Sedgwick and his nephew to start producing as part of a CSA, or community supported agriculture.

"I didn't want to farm," says Bathe. "I was trying to find another source of income for local farmers as well as provide good, healthy, local food for people in the area who are interested."

The CSA started with about 35 shares and now has 60. Each person in the CSA purchases a share, which entitles him or her to 1/60 of what is produced in the grain CSA no matter whether it's a good or bad year.

Last year, each shareholder received grain at about \$2.12 a pound, which Bathe said is a fair price.

"That's my goal: to produce it at a price point that the farmer is happy and the consumer feels that they've contributed to the agricultural economy and got some fresh food at a fair price."

Organic practices make life uncertain for grain producers and so far Bathe has only been able to convince Sedgwick to join in with him.

"Growing organically is not common and it's been a very hard sell. All the farmers in the area are supportive of what I'm doing, but say 'I can't do it,'" he said.

Grain seems to be a particularly hard sell when it comes to organic practices – Bathe said one obstacle, besides a dearth of knowledge of traditional organic methods, is equipment.

"The infrastructure for the grain, the handling of the grain, the harvesting of the grain, even the planting of the grain, all of that equipment is derelict," he said.

Because the small, subsistence farms are disappearing, so too is that equipment.

"Everything's gone big, which means the equipment is very expensive."

Still, the CSA has a mill and a flaker and Sedgwick found a combine tucked away in a shed. On the few acres the pair has in use, they produce red fife wheat (a heritage grain), hull-less barley, buckwheat, fall rye and a hull-less oat called cavena nuda.

"Because we're doing this organically, we could not buy all the chemicals and place them on the field," Bathe explained.

"We have to put on crushed limestone to bring the PH into balance and we plant crops that we plow in as green manures that will add other things to the soil," he said.

The health of the environment – especially of the soil – is of prime importance.

"I know organic is better for the environment. What I'm talking about is species at a microscopic level that we're destroying [with chemicals] plain and simple."

About 15 kilometres away in Minden, Andrew Graham and Shannon Blanchard are starting out with their vegetable garden endeavour.

Like Bathe, they are employing organic methods without going through the organic certification process.

Graham's family has been using the plot of land on Spring Valley Road for more than 100 years and the pair has an impressive array of vegetables they are cultivating without herbicides, pesticides or chemical fertilizers.

"I think this is the traditional [farming]," said Graham, standing amongst his five acres of veggies on a drizzly August day. "I think the pesticides and mass farming are non-traditional. They've only been done for 30 years."

Graham said much has been gained with new technologies, such as the ability to analyze the soil for deficiencies and the drip irrigation system they have running between rows in the garden.

However, he and Blanchard so strongly believe in doing things naturally that they never even considered using chemicals on the land.

"It was always obvious," said Graham. "A lot of research went into it, learning from people who were successful in business already. Some practices work and some practices don't. You have to find what works for you."

"We've done a lot of bug picking and squishing. We're making it work," he said.

This is the first year for the pair, who have named the business Graham's Farm Market. They've brought a few items to the farmers' market in Haliburton, but so far have been taking produce to local restaurants and Abbey Gardens' Food Hub in West Guilford for sale.

Included in what they grow: pumpkin, zucchini, squash, cantaloupe, tomatoes, cucumbers, watermelon, spinach, kale, beans, peas, dill and Swiss chard.

They have a hive of bees on one end of the property to help with pollination and they've been able to harvest a small amount of honey.

The diversity of Graham's Farm Market is part of the couple's plan to hedge their bets.

"You don't know if you'll have five pumpkins or 500," said Blanchard, who hopes to have a vibrant pumpkin patch for people to visit this fall.

Minden farmer and Haliburton County Farmers' Association vice-president Bryan Barlow said he employs organic methods when he can, but doesn't think there's any proof organic food is better for you.

Instead, he chooses not to spray his crops or give medications to his animals without cause to protect the environment.

It hasn't always been easy.

"I worm them [my pigs] because I tried not to and watching them die is not fun," said Barlow, who along with his wife Beverly runs Hunter Creek Ranch producing pork, beef, lamb and vegetables among other things.

"At some point the bugs find you. The first year you do it you think, 'I'm smarter than everybody else, I'm organic and I don't do drugs and everything's fine.' The second year's OK and the third year the vet comes over [because the pigs are sick] and says 'did you worm them?' Then you worm them because they're going to die because that parasite is now at your place," he said.

Likewise, it took next to no time for the potato beetle to make its way to Hunter Creek Ranch, despite the fact the land hadn't been farmed in 45 years.

"People said, it's Mother Nature and they'll find you."

Instead of spraying, the Barlows got guinea hens to eat the beetles.

Bathe sees huge potential in getting more local people on board producing local organic food, but also engaging in value-added industries.

"If I can get farmers to grow some grain I can start an industry. There'll be spin-offs; there may be somebody who wants to mill it. There may be somebody who wants to bake with it and sell baking. We need somebody to handle the grain."

He said the grain CSA is at a turning point: the interest from the buyers is there and the farmers have proven the organic methods can work.

Now he just needs more farmers to make the leap.



Jenn Watt Staff

Shannon Blanchard, Andrew Graham and Akira the dog stand at the site of Graham's Farm Market, a new vegetable venture in Minden. They are using organic methods to grow all sorts of vegetables for restaurants, farm gate sales and farmers' markets. grahamsfarmmarket@gmail.com, 705-935-0003.

Inattentive driving dangerous for everyone

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Multi-tasking in a car is never safe, but particularly in the Highlands.

OPP Const. Paul Potter said the area has far more dangers to consider than urban areas and there are greater consequences than any fines he could hand out.

"You have to deal with our roadways. The geographical location we're in we have a lot of winding, twisting, dark unlit roads. We don't have paved shoulders. We've got rock cuts on either side of the roadway. We've also got a lot of wildlife to have to contend with so if you ask me it's more dangerous up here," he said. "The perception that it might be less dangerous because maybe nothing is going to happen people may misconstrue the fact it's less dangerous because they're not going to get

caught."

Local driving instructor Richard van Nood, who has more than 30 years of instruction experience, said its perception rather than any reality about how much safer it is to drive in rural areas.

"I remember teaching a student and we were going along Parish Line and he's gawking out the side window at everything. I said, 'Keep your eyes on the road.' He said, 'There's nothing happening.' And you won't see it if something does happen," he said.

Of the 587 collisions in the Highlands last year, 67 were caused by drivers being "inattentive" while in 2012, 61 collisions were caused by inattentiveness out of 481.

The term inattentive includes distracted driving charges such as texting, adjusting the radio, shaving, makeup and dealing with children in the rear seat.

Inattentiveness can include anything

that takes the driver's attention from the task of driving.

"Even if that means you're reaching down to get your cup of coffee and you're taking your eyes off the road you're distracted. You're being inattentive. When you're driving you need to be focused on driving the whole time," he said.

The provincial ban on hand-held device use while driving took effect on Oct. 26, 2009.

According to the OPP, distracted driving has a "causal factor in 30 to 50 per cent of traffic collisions" in Ontario. However this number could be higher because of under-reporting.

The numbers, Potter said, don't reveal the full story.

"It's kind of difficult to try and look at the numbers ... and that tells us what's going on. Well, not necessarily. Those are the people maybe getting caught. There's

lots of it taking place and [they] maybe aren't getting held accountable for it," he said.

Potter, who has been an officer for more than 17 years, the majority as a highway patrol officer on the QEW, said there are more animals on the road to worry about.

Last year, 208 of the 587 collisions in the Highlands were animal related compared to 178 the year before.

There is a \$280 fine (including \$55 for a victim fine surcharge) for anyone using a mobile phone or device capable of communication under Section 78.1 of the Highway Traffic Act.

Potter said all it takes is a driver to have it in his or her hand for it to constitute an offence.

Last year in Ontario, more crashes were caused by distracted driving than impaired driving or speed, the OPP report. In 2013, there were 78 people killed in distracted driving collisions compared to 57 caused by impaired driving and 44 speed-related ones.

Speed is an important factor when it comes to being able to stop or change direction.

In terms of emergency manoeuvres, there's a big difference, he said, between what you can do at 80 km/h and at 100 km/h.

Some provincial numbers are frightening when it comes to the next generation of drivers. Last year's Ontario Student Drug Use and Health Survey mental health and well-being report revealed more than one-third (close to 107,900 adolescents) of drivers in Grades 10 to 12 report they text while driving at least once in the past year.

It's a reminder that despite the law more is needed to curb the dangerous habit of texting and driving.

Van Nood reminds people being distracted isn't exclusive to teenagers, as he's heard from his students.

"The scary part is how many kids I have coming to me telling me how their parents text and drive. If their parents are texting and driving what message is being sent to the kid?" he said. "We always pick on the teenagers, but they're not always the problem."

Distractions also include the vehicle with myriad buttons to control the many features that at minimum control the stereo and navigation.

Distracted or inattentive driving is a problem that affects all drivers across the continent.

A haunting documentary by powerful filmmaker Werner Herzog, *From One Second to the Next* was released last year depicting the ramifications of distracted driving.

The 35-minute documentary examines four collisions caused by texting and driving in the U.S. Herzog lets the victims, their families and the perpetrators do the talking. The retelling of the collisions takes the viewer beyond the numbers, hammering home the stark reality facing the people involved.

The film, which will be shown to high schools, safety groups and government agencies, was commissioned by American telecommunications company AT&T who has a series of advertisements encouraging people to not text while driving. So far there have been more than five million pledges to the #ItCanWait campaign (www.itcanwait.com). See the film at www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xk1vCqfYpos.

The CAA said drivers who text are 23 times more likely than a non-distracted driver to be in a crash or near crash event. Compare that to talking on a mobile phone, which is four or five times more likely compared to non-distracted drivers while applying makeup and reading are only three times more likely.



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Event premier sponsor and Volunteer Dental Outreach board member Janis Parker, left, with organizers Bill Kerr and Lisa Kerr announced the Volunteer Dental Outreach for Haliburton County has provided more than \$1 million of dental service at the lunch for the fourth annual Volunteer Dental Outreach Golf Tournament on Aug. 21. The annual fundraiser for the VDO for Haliburton County was a sellout, drawing 147 golfers and close to 10 more people for lunch at the Rhubarb restaurant. The VDO has provided free dental care for 439 residents who otherwise wouldn't be able to afford the service. The event included 77 silent auction items and two live auction items, and help from former NHLer Bernie Nicholls, who was at the Celebrity Challenge hole. **Darren Lum Staff**

Darren Lum Staff
Jim Winn of Haliburton drives his ball for the green on the 15th hole during the Volunteer Dental Outreach Golf Tournament on Aug. 21 at the Blairhampton Golf Course. The event raised more than \$40,000 through ticket sales and a "number of generous private donations." This covers six months of operating costs at the clinic.

Resident requests speed bumps in Ingoldsby

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

An Ingoldsby man wants Haliburton County to install speed bumps along Kashagawigamog Lake Road.

Robert Barnett made a presentation to councillors on the county's roads committee at an Aug. 13 meeting.

A speed limit of 40 kilometres an hour has existed in the community safety zone near Barnett's home along Kashagawigamog Road between Conestoga and Tom Bolton roads since 2007.

"The only thing [drivers] got used to was the signs being there," Barnett told councillors, explaining he regularly witnesses motorists travelling at excessive speeds. "All of you have seen the numbers, I think they're pretty alarming. If they're not alarming, I don't know where your thinking comes from."

The county places traffic counters near Burnett's home from June 26 through July 3.

They tracked 7,304 vehicles travelling by his residence.

Of those, 2,633 were travelling between 40 and 50 km/h, 2,223 between 30 and 40 and 1,261 between 50 and 60.

There were 108 vehicles recorded between 10 and 20 km/h, 533 between 20 and 30, 438 between 60 and 70, 96 between 70 and 80, 10 between 80 and 90 and two between 90 and 100.

"It's total insanity the way people are driving, and it's not just cottagers, it's the locals, too," Burnett said, adding he thought the county was lucky there hadn't been a fatal collision at the location.

The OPP have visited the site and Burnett said he was disappointed with the force's response, with officers urging drivers to slow down instead of issuing tickets.

"I just shook my head," he said. "That's not enforcing the law."

He urged the municipality to install speed bumps at the location and a petition of "20-something" area residents requesting such.

However, a report from county roads director Doug Ray concluded this could be problematic.

Ray's report read that the present condition of the road was not suitable for speed bumps and would cause the

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I think we clearly have a problem on this road ... I would like to know why the OPP will not improve their surveillance

— Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid

already weak asphalt to break up and noted that since the Ingoldsby landfill is the only one in the area to accept brush the road is often used by heavy trucks and vehicles towing trailers.

Ray also wrote that speed bumps can be hazardous for cyclists and that slowing and accelerating noises may cause problems.

His recommendation was to try other solutions, such as painting a "slow down" warning on the road surface.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid didn't think this was sufficient.

"I think we clearly have a problem on this road," Reid said. "I would like to know why the OPP will not improve

their surveillance."

Reid supported testing speed bumps at the location.

"I think speeding on all our roads is an issue," said Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey, noting that speed bumps were installed along Wigamog Road and that cyclists complained about them quite a bit.

The issue will be discussed further at a future roads meeting and the committee asked the chair of the county's community policing advisory committee, Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt, to take the county's concerns to the OPP.



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Wilcox building toward a dream

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Staff reporter

Jenna Marie Wilcox still remembers being a teenager and taking home a women's fitness magazine from the Haliburton gym and reading through more than thousand times, enamoured with the beautiful women. She never imagined she'd be one

of those women.

Wilcox, a bodybuilding amateur figure competitor originally from Haliburton, is still shocked about being on the cover of the summer issue for *Strong Fitness Magazine*, regarding it as a dream come true.

"I never intended to [get on a magazine]. I started competing to win trophies. I just love competing and I never thought I'd be

a fitness model or on the cover of a magazine," she said.

After five years of hard and tireless work in the competitive world of bodybuilding this achievement is an affirmation of all her efforts since entering the industry.

"It's surreal. It's inspiring still for me and motivates me to do better so I can be a better inspiration for other people so that I can land another cover. It's all motivation to just keep on going and not give up on my big dream of achieving my IFBB [International Federation of Bodybuilding and Fitness] pro card," she said.

A pro card gives her an opportunity to compete in pro events internationally such as the SuperBowl of bodybuilding competitions, the Olympia.

Strong showings in prominent competitions enable competitors to earn a pro card.

The former Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student is also featured in the 13-page training section of the same issue of the Canadian magazine that focuses on bodybuilding and showcases a who's-who of female fitness competitors. The photos were taken in April and initially the shots were only going to be used in a future issue, but the magazine liked the images and not only incorporated them into the planned summer training guide, but used them as a main feature of the guide.

Wilcox said more photos of her would appear in a two-page spread in *Strong* coming this autumn.

She said the images for the magazine came from a meeting with its photographer and *Strong* magazine president, Paul Buceta. He saw her at a competition last year and appreciated her "look" and kept an eye on her career.

When she received copies of the magazines she found it "insane" and "humbling" to see her likeness gracing the pages.

Although the coming months are technically the off-season for her, Wilcox will be preparing for the Arnold Amateurs this coming spring in the U.S.

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comes to support whether it's her family or from friends and supporters.

"Even though I'm not living there's still so many people that have messaged me to congratulate and encourage me," she said.

Her appreciation for the people who have helped her is second only to her desire to achieve. Former dance instructor Terri Mathews-Carl provided her the foundation for success in competition.

"My dance background I'm so thankful for it. It bleeds through into my training. I'm often praised for my stage presence and my posing and presentation. I do really well with all that and it is only because of my background in dance. It is only because of what Terri Mathews taught me," she said.

Dance taught her to persevere and never give up.

Although she is empowered by the distinction, she accepts there will always be those who don't approve.

"It's like the bigger you get in fitness the more haters you have. I've actually received hate mail," she said.

Through new media she has received hateful messages about her physique from men and women.

"It's kind of like, well, you know what? You have your opinion, but I'm on a magazine. It's what makes me happy and [you should] do what makes you happy," she said.

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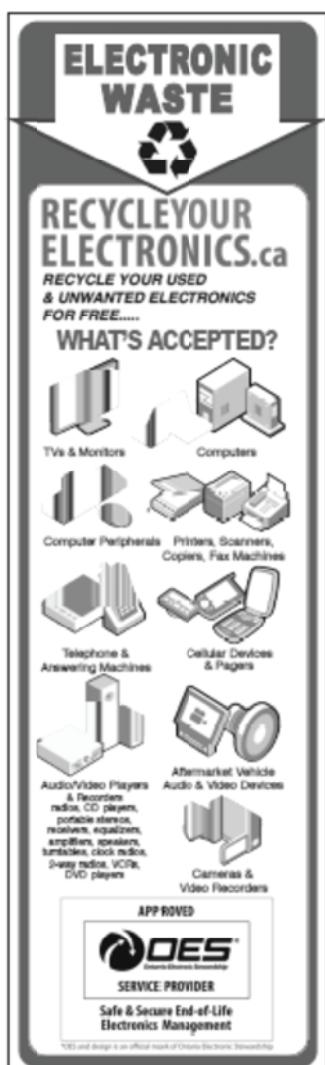
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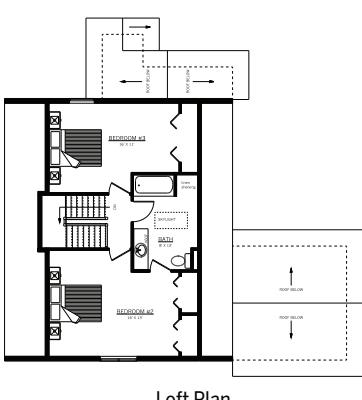
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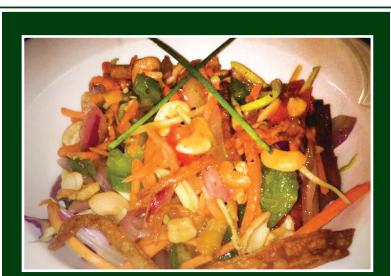
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Left, the Haliburton Dance Academy's Chyna Schell stands with business partner Meghan Reid of Just Movement Fitness, who welcomed dancers and the public to the grand opening of their new space on Saturday, Aug. 23 at the Victoria Street School. Above, dancers look at this year's schedule. With a larger space both are welcoming the season of offerings starting in September. They share the second floor where there are two studio spaces. Reid said her adult participants who have children in the academy can leave the children to dance and train with her across the hall. The academy will soon feature a "sprung floor" for tumbling.

Darren Lum Staff



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Canadian Dachshund Rescue Ontario president and Haliburton resident Tracey Laframboise, who is an owner of five dachshunds, holds foster dog Katie in front of the Haliburton Beer Store during the Cans for Canines event collecting cans and bottles to raise money for the Canadian Dachshund Rescue on Saturday, Aug. 23. There was \$435.87 raised from the one day event that helps with veterinary bills, care for foster dogs and "re-homing." Last year the rescue saved 166 dogs and covered \$92,000 worth of vet bills in this province. Thus far this year the rescue has saved 98 dogs and covered \$86,000 in vet bills. Started in 2000 by Susan Yeshin with five people, the rescue now includes more than 85 volunteers. See [www.wienerdogrescue.com](http://wienerdogrescue.com) for more information to adopt, volunteer or donate online.

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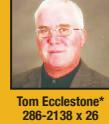
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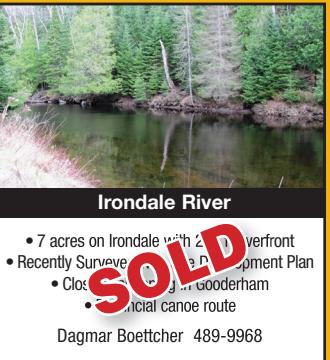
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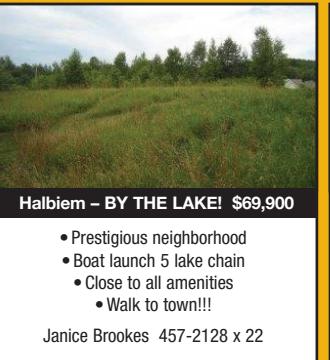
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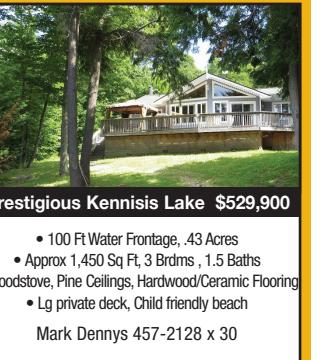
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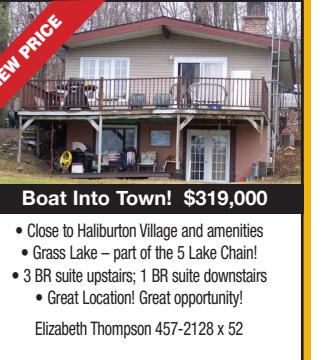
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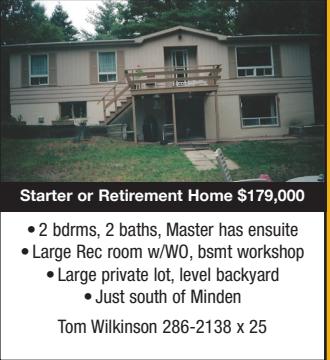
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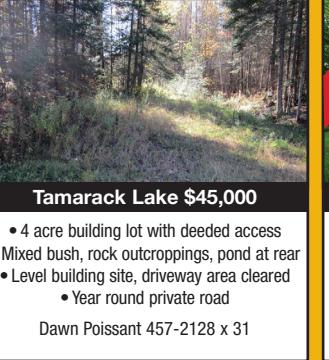
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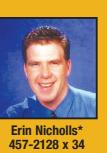


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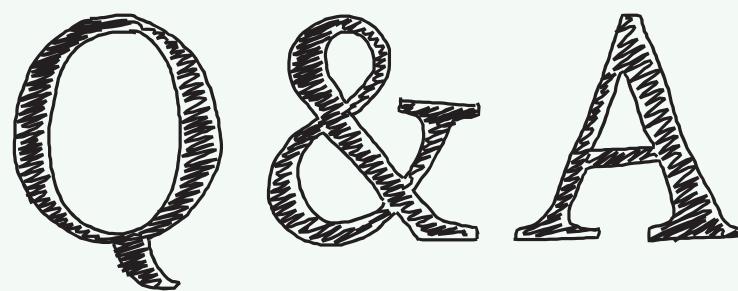
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DYSART EDITION

the questions:

1. Why have you decided to run for council?
2. What is your vision of recreation for your municipality? Does that include a pool either at the municipal level or the county level?
3. Are you content with the changes recently announced to the OPP billing model? If not, what do you think municipal councils should do next? If you are content with the changes, explain why.
4. What can be done to reduce poverty of citizens of your municipality?
5. How can we grow the local economy and provide more jobs for people?
6. What do you see as the most pressing concern(s) in your municipality?
7. Define transparency and accountability as they relate to municipal governance and how they are achieved.
8. The municipality has been working on a cultural plan for the past few years. What is your vision for the implementation of the plan in the next five to 10 years?

the answers:

Name:
Dennis Casey

Running for:
Deputy Reeve

1. I have been councillor for Ward 2 for two terms and I am ready for more challenges. I feel this is the best time for me to move up as I will have the opportunity to do more and have more responsibility. This also gives me the opportunity to participate at the County level which would be a welcomed challenge.
2. I feel that the municipality should be doing more in terms of recreation. I have been involved in the Recreation Pilot Project from the beginning and due to the popularity of the different programs and the participation of the community; there is an obvious need. With our aging population and our tots and teens I feel that any type of organized activity is important.

My vision does not include a pool at this time. Yes, the municipality does have an obligation to have and promote a healthy community but a pool must be financially viable. I would encourage the pool group to keep going. They have done considerable homework thus demonstrating their due diligence. However, they estimated that their recreation facility would cost some \$10 million which is a substantial sum. I feel the pool initiative should be at the County level. A major hurdle I see is to get all four municipalities to agree on a location and who will share the costs. More work is required.

3. No, I am not content with the recently announced changes to the OPP billing model nor am I surprised by it. My concern is in the pooling of costs over all municipalities. Each municipality should be assessed as to their own needs and circumstances. It is disheartening that

we are paying more and not getting more. The only remaining option as I see it is for the negatively effected municipalities to lobby as a united group in attempt to get the Province to use a more equitable and balanced model.

4. We do very well at looking after our less financially stable through our social services network, however the most effective way to reduce their numbers is to provide the opportunity for them to find sustainable work.
5. Municipalities aren't in the business of creating jobs. However municipalities should be in the business of creating and fostering an atmosphere that helps others create jobs. Basic economics teaches us that when people work they feel a sense of accomplishment, they can pay their own way and contribute to society.
6. The most pressing concern is the economic stability, not only of our municipality but our county. In talking with many people over the past months, I have heard this concern not only from our businesses but our residents as well.
7. Transparent and accountable should be the definition of a politician. I think you have to rely on the system. There are many checks and balances in place that ensure that politicians stay on the straight and narrow.
8. The Municipal Cultural Plan is a 10 year plan that has been adopted by Council. Since 2012 the Cultural Committee has initiated and has been promoting the cultural plan.

As a member of council and a member of the committee I see the need to ensure that the plan moves forward in a timely manner. The four main goals of the plan are: Strengthening Municipal Leadership, Development of a Strong and Dynamic Cultural Sector, Promotion of Cultural and Economic Development and the Building of our Heritage and Identity.



Name:
Andrea Roberts

Running for:
Deputy Reeve

1. I decided to run for Ward 1 councillor in 2006 because I wanted to be more involved in my community. I had been on several boards and enjoyed volunteering but being on council was a whole new level. The reasons to run this time for Deputy Reeve are the same. I still love being involved and I have lots positive energy and commitment to give to the position. I feel I have the personal skills needed, the desire to work for my community, and the time to devote to the job.
2. I think recreational opportunities for everyone is a vital component to a healthy community. It is the township's responsibility to offer programming and encourage many different forms of recreation. I would like to see Dysart commit to recreation programming by creating a permanent staff position. That person could also be responsible to assist with festivals and events. The first step in all of this would be to create a recreation plan, similar to our cultural resource plan, which was developed with public input. The council could then appoint a committee to oversee the implementation of that plan. The idea and feasibility of a pool should be discussed at this level. While swimming and aquatic fitness is a wonderful thing it must be economically viable to both the township and the individuals who would use it.
3. I am most definitely not content with the new OPP billing model. I know the previous county councillors tried their best to be heard but we will need to continue to put pressure on the minister to have this re-examined. The percentages did get reduced and it is a phased in process but

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it is still flawed. The formula counts every residential property, including a cottage that is only used for two or three months as a household. Everyone wants good police services here in the Highlands, we just want to pay our fair share.

4. Unfortunately there will always be people who live in poverty. Both levels of municipal governments, county and the township, have a responsibility to do all that they can to assist those who want and are able to create a better life for themselves. There are also organizations such as SIRCH and Places for People, the 4Cs, food banks, etc. who are doing wonderful work. Our governments can help to support these initiatives as well. Caring and supporting those in poverty is a community effort.
5. This is a difficult question because there are many factors involved which are out of our control. The global, national and provincial economies all affect Haliburton County. Other things like weather can determine the success of local businesses as well. We can do things at the municipal level such as keeping tax rates reasonable, ensuring our towns looks desirable, and creating a place where people want to live and work. When we review our official plan and zoning by-laws we need to ensure we are supporting business as well as protecting our environment. We also have to encourage groups like the BIA and Chamber of Commerce who are working very hard to promote our area and support local businesses.
6. I don't think there is one issue that rises to the top. The next council will have the ongoing issues to address; roads, landfills, municipal assets such as buildings and parks, staff positions, fire protection, planning concerns etc. Creating a strategic plan that guides the next council for their term and beyond would be beneficial so that decisions are not made quickly and without long-term thought. I think this should be done within the first few months of the next council.
7. There have been quite a few examples in the news lately of incredibly shocking misuse of public funds; people paying for private parties, travel expenses that should have been personal, and many more. This has happened at the highest levels of government and it gives both the administrations and politicians a poor reputation. Perhaps because we live in a small municipality I would have to say this is the most honest and accountable level of government. Dysart has policies and procedures in place so there is transparency and accountability. Both the staff and councillors ensure that these policies are followed and I have never known of any instance where something took place that would have been against these. All our meetings are open to the public and are posted online so the public has every opportunity to stay in touch and see what their municipal government is doing.
8. I was fortunate to be the chair for the creation of the Cultural Plan and am now the chair of the Cultural Resource Committee. We have been meeting for about two years now and have already implemented several of the short-term recommendations. We are currently working on a public art policy and reviewing insurance issues for groups wanting to use municipal space. It is a large committee and as we get together every month we are meeting one of the objectives, which is to strengthen cultural networks. Culture is an increasingly important driver in an emerging creative economy and it's essential to recognize its importance to our economic development. The plan is a 10 year plan and is to be reviewed at the five year mark.



Name:
William J. Davis

Running for:
Councillor
Ward 1

1. I have served as Deputy Reeve and Reeve for the Municipality of Dysart for over 25 years, and have the experience, knowledge, expertise, time and commitment that is needed to serve the constituents. I have decided to take a small step back and commit my time to serve ward 1, while being available on council to mentor the new Deputy Reeve if assistance is requested.
2. Recreation for all ages and income levels is a very important component of life for our residents. I feel there is need for affordable recreation that won't put a burden of increased taxes to our members. I have a vision of affordable recreation and revitalization of Head Lake Park and Rotary beach, making it a recreation destination and bringing life back to those areas. This would include volleyball courts, a splash pad, basketball, shuffleboard courts and lawn bowling. This, however, is contingent upon accessing funds through either the federal or provincial governments. Unfortunately, the government has tightened their purse strings even more than in the past and funding for any venture, including a pool, is very difficult to access.
3. The OPP cost is downloaded from the province and therefore, we are dictated to in this regard. However, we need to continue to lobby the province to make policing affordable yet ensure appropriate coverage for our County.
4. The provision of more year round jobs and affordable housing is needed to assist with poverty reduction. Currently, we have a very high seasonal employment issue which hinders income levels. Rates for rental properties in our vast municipality is very high and the cost of travel, including owning a vehicle, absorbs a large portion of a seasonal workers wages as well as minimum wage jobs.
5. This has been an issue in this County for as long as I can remember. We have encouraged more employment opportunities for people by making it a tourist destination which brings in funds and jobs. We assist potential business ventures that are interested in setting up in our area wherever possible. We have lobbied for many years to bring in high speed Internet to a large portion of the County, which makes doing business at a distance much easier.
6. As always, jobs and the local economy. Unfortunately, the economy across Canada is recovering at a very slow pace, which impacts upon our tourism and overall economy. I would like to encourage Fleming College to bring in courses that would impact our local job market, such as heavy equipment, carpentry, masonry. Courses that would be utilized by students both local and others, and that students would be able to use those skills in the local job market. It is a fact that a lot of students stay where they study and this would encourage future growth and skilled labourers. It would also prosper the local economy to bring more students into the area, using local services while they studied here.
7. Accountability is acting in the best interest of the voters and being responsible for your decisions to the constituents who elected you to public office. Transparency is obtained when decisions and actions of elected officials are open to the electorate including opening meetings to the public and media, allowing budgets to be viewed by all, keeping voters well informed and allowing open discussion and questions in regards to decisions/actions including by-laws. Both transparency and accountability are vital to make a democratic society work.
8. This plan needs to continue to be focused on and be a living document in order to ensure that culture of all kinds are incorporated into Dysart's overall goals. As each municipality in the County is doing their own planning, it may be wise to look at a combined plan once all are done, and see if there are any crossover areas and work as a whole on those issues.

Bob Nichol declined to participate in the question and answer feature



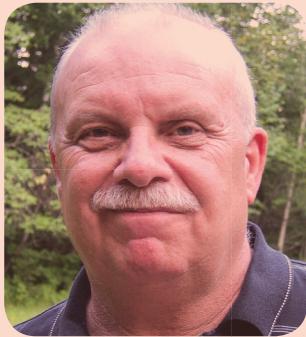
Name:
Nancy
Wood-Roberts

Running for:
Councillor
Ward 1

1. I started to ponder the possibility of running for council in late spring. With the support of my family, I filed my papers in July. I previously represented Ward 1 and found it very rewarding to be involved with the community. At that time, I was working part-time/full time at the Haliburton Hospital, shift work and had three young children. It was difficult with the time commitment and scheduling. I now am classified as a weekend worker at my workplace. I felt this was a good time to re-enter the political arena as I have week days available to commit to a position on Council. I would like to represent Ward 1 again, to promote our Municipality, maintain and improve and possibly expand the services provided.
2. My vision of recreation for the municipality is to have affordable events/activities available for any member of the community. The Municipality should endeavour to maximize the use of our community resources such as the arena, Head Lake Park and library. The pool has been a long standing issue in the County. As a ratepayer, I would think it fair that a pool be a county wide initiative. I don't believe that the ratepayers in Dysart alone would be able to sustain or maintain the cost.
3. I don't think any ratepayer is content with the knowledge that taxes will rise. The majority of ratepayers want to see what their tax dollars are used for. That being said, the services provided by the OPP are an absolute necessity in Dysart, as well as our neighbouring municipalities. I think the Municipalities need to continue to work together as well as with the OPP on presenting a more palatable billing formula.
4. I wish there was a simple answer to this question. To reduce poverty, we need to ensure and assist with the provision of more affordable housing. The County of Haliburton Housing Strategy report, released in April of 2013 states "A more diverse housing stock which includes more rental units, a greater mix of housing types, and more affordable units is needed." I believe that there are many residents in Dysart who spend more than 30% - 40% of their income on housing costs. There are many programs and services available for people in the community. Partnerships with or regular communication with these providers could greatly benefit many members of the community.
5. It's very difficult to attract "industry" to rural areas. There is however, an increasing need for service provision in the industry of health care. We need more long-term care beds, as well as assisted living facilities. The provision of long-term care and assisted living facilities would create well paying jobs. This in turn could greatly assist in the retention of some of our youth as well as an attraction for people to live in Dysart.
6. The most pressing concern(s) I see is the creation of jobs in order to retain our youth and attract others to the area. The OPP billing model is of great concern, but as recently expressed, it's a necessary service and one that we, as ratepayers, have little control over. Affordable housing is another large issue.

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7. Accountability is being responsible for one's activities and actions. Transparency is disclosing the results of those activities and actions. The Municipality as a whole, as well as each individual Councillor must make decisions based on the Municipal Act and any applicable By-laws. Honesty is a must and treatment of all individuals must be fair and equal.
8. I have read through the cultural plan several times. It is broadly encompassing and positive in its nature. To be honest, I would have to meet with some of the members to ascertain exactly where they are in the implementation, and move forward from there.



Name:
Steve Dunec

Running for:
Councillor
Ward 2

1. I relish the challenge!
2. Affordable and inclusive. eg. Walking, biking, hiking, snow shoeing, cross country skiing, skating, etc.
3. Rec centre/pool - As long as it doesn't cost me single tax dollar! The committee should think outside the municipal tax box, if they haven't done so already, and enter into a partnership with a significant player.
4. How could anyone be content with a tax increase. It's a fait accompli, start saving your loonies!
5. The usual suspects: Education, employment, affordable housing.
6. Provide incentives to businesses willing to locate here. A trained workforce. Encourage entrepreneurship - Making people aware of the workshops, etc. that are available to establish your own business.
7. Jobs, affordable housing, NIMBY attitude!
8. Be forthright, diligent and accessible.
9. I commend the municipality for having one. Vision can be summarized as: "Ah, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp, or what's a heaven for?" Robert Browning



Name:
David McKay

Running for:
Councillor
Ward 2

1. I've decided to run for council because I like to be involved within our community and I care deeply about the people and the future of Dysart.
2. I think that all types of recreation are an essential part of a healthy community. If a pool is in our future and budget - great, however I feel that it needs to be run at the county level so that one municipality is not burdened with the costs of operation.
3. I'm not content with the recent changes announced by the Province concerning the OPP billing model, but unfortunately municipal councils do not have the con-

trol to change it. I think all we can do is keep being vocal with our member of Parliament and hope that we will eventually be heard.

4. In order to reduce the poverty level in our community, we need to create more year round jobs. Too many families are struggling to live on a seasonal income.
5. I personally feel that in order for Dysart to create more year round jobs, we have to have an open mind about letting our small town grow.
6. The most pressing concern that I have is the lack of year round employment within our community. A lot of families are forced to leave our area because they are unable to support their household costs with seasonal employment.
7. I believe that the definition of transparency is the same for a person as it is an object. I intend to make all of my intentions clear to everyone and I will always be available to speak with anyone about their concerns. I will be making recommendations on behalf of the taxpayers and not for personal gain. I feel that by keeping the communication lines open, I will be held accountable for all decisions that are being made.
8. I would prefer not to comment on the cultural plan until I have had more time to research it.



Name:
Derek Knowles

Running for:
Councillor
Ward 2

1. After my term on council ended in 2010, I decided not to run again for personal reasons and fully expected that my political career was over. Several months ago I was contacted by a number of Ward 2 residents who urged me to reconsider and to run in this election. After taking time to consider and to consult with my family, I decided to toss my hat into the ring and to run for councillor from Ward 2.
2. Unless something has changed that I am not aware of, Dysart has no full time recreation department or coordinator. We have a substandard soccer field, skateboard park and ball diamond. There has been talk of moving the ball diamond to a new location for years but nothing has happened. Council needs to step up and prepare a plan to merge these facilities into one recreation area that we can all be proud of.

Regarding the pool and or rec center, I don't see how we could possibly afford either if the county is not involved. Even then it may prove to be beyond our means. Would I like to see a pool in Dysart? Of course, but in all good conscience, I could not vote to commit taxpayers' dollars to this project with the limited information we have at hand.

3. No one should be happy with the recently announced changes to the OPP billing model. This imposed formula is very deeply flawed. Seasonal households will still be considered as permanent households even though they are occupied only a few months of the year. This formula has never been used before. While the announced change will offer a minor saving over the previous model, Dysart taxpayers will still be subject to a substantial increase - all this with no increase in service.

Municipal and County councils should, and I am sure will, continue to press for further changes if it's not already too late.

4. This is a complex problem that is not easily resolved. Job availability and training or retraining could help. Unfortunately, minimum wage jobs do not lift people out of the poverty cycle. A study by the City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County on poverty reduction is due to be released soon. Hopefully, this will be the basis

for a long term plan to help address the situation.

5. As we speak, jobs are going wanting because of the lack of skilled workers to fill them. We need to work with our high school and college to encourage them to provide courses to correspond to the needs of the job market in our area. Furthermore, our council must, with input from all areas of the community, immediately embark on the development of a strategic plan that should address, among other things, the demographic realities that we are faced with in the near future.

When we consider that enrollment of the high school will fall by 33% in the next 10 years putting the school and many high paying jobs at risk. In 20 years, due to an ever aging population, hundreds of seniors will require alternative housing or will be forced to go elsewhere. The economic impact would be devastating. This must be a high priority for the next term of council.

6. The most pressing needs and concerning our municipality are:

1. Renew and maintain our infrastructure
2. Accommodate opportunities for business expansion and job creation
3. Develop a comprehensive strategic plan for the immediate and long term direction of Dysart

7. Very simply, transparency is achieved by open and honest debate at the council table. To be very frank, from experience the public, with the exception of one individual who attends every council meeting, takes little interest in what transpires at council.

As far as accountability, all councillors, including the Reeve, are elected for a four year term to administer the affairs of the municipality. If after four years the electorate is unhappy with the sitting council, they should exercise their right to vote them out. This is providing, of course, someone is willing to put their name forward.

8. I have limited knowledge of this undertaking and, therefore, am unable to comment.



Name:
Susan Norcross

Running for:
Councillor
Ward 4

1. I live in West Guilford and have been a full-time resident since 2004. Having been a seasonal resident for many years prior to being here year round, I am understanding of the dynamics of our community.

A good municipal politician is someone who knows their community and is also impacted by the decisions made. It is someone who understands that they represent their jurisdiction, including those with opposing views and takes the time to listen and respond in a timely manner.

My career background in human resources and office management has prepared me with skills required to be an advocate for others. I am experienced in listening, negotiating, budget management and problem solving, all of which play a role in representing the community at the Council table.

I have a strong commitment to this community. Prior to living here fulltime I had been a seasonal resident and property owner since 1983 and before that I vacationed every year at the family property which I now own. I recognize the needs for growth and change within the Municipality of Dysart et al and believe my experience on Council will be an asset in addressing them over the next four years.



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2. I would like to ensure we continue with the Parks and Recreation programming currently being provided without incurring cutbacks. The most recent additions to the programming have been well received by several residents both year round and seasonal.

Annual expenses and revenue for a pool/fitness facility are still projections yet to be proven positive, although I do agree there are many benefits to be derived from such a facility.

A pool/fitness facility will be difficult to financially justify at this time given the recent OPP increased billing module. As a result of the OPP billing increases, we will need to closely examine priorities to offset some of the future impact on ratepayers.

3. Definitely I am not content with the OPP billing module. The municipalities within Haliburton County worked together and formed a committee to address rural concerns, meeting several times with the Minister in an attempt to mitigate this increase.

Although unsuccessful, we should continue as a united voice to express our concerns. This is a phased in increase and dur-



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ing future budget reviews we will need to ensure all line items are allocated with prudence.

4. This is a multi level government issue within our County and would be best addressed at the County of Haliburton which includes all four Municipalities and their Council leaders. This issue includes such concerns as addressed below in growing the economy, producing more jobs, growing the population and providing housing for low income.
5. I would suggest the following as a few of the many ways to improve our economy, reduce poverty and provide local employment.
 - a) Attract housing developers to provide employment for contractors and general labourers while also providing social housing for low income earning families/seniors.
 - b) Expand seasonal economy by growing winter tourism
 - c) Act as an Ambassador for our Municipality whenever and wherever possible, encouraging tourism, entrepreneurship and new businesses.
 - d) Attract more people to the amenities in our area by developing and marketing the recreation sector. This will create local jobs and bring people here to increase local business revenue.

6. Current issues facing Dysart et al, to name a few are

- weak economy
- the infrastructure, particularly roads
- housing shortages, both social and private
- the longevity of landfills (it is very costly for a municipality to have to close a landfill site);-
- stewardship of the waterfronts including education on septic and shoreline preservation..

We currently have a waiting list for housing for our seniors and low income families. By 2026 one in five citizens will have reached the age of 65. I would hope to be part of a Committee whose agenda is to locate suitable land and entice developers to build here.

Our roads are in need of upgrades and more emphasis needs to be put on the budgeting process for this area of concern.

Our landfill sites are very important, education and continual diligence on recycling will assist with keeping them open longer. Once a closure is required it is a large expenditure on a

Municipality.

7. It is imperative that we respect the interest of constituents and to inform them how their tax dollars are spent and the decision making process involved.
- Dysart's website provides links to all departments and to meeting agendas and minutes which are open to the public. Notifications of closed sessions will be placed in the Open meeting agenda.
8. Dysart et al's cultural plan has been created to leverage the cultural resources of this community and integrate such resources into the economic, cultural and operational planning systems of the municipality. There has been an timeline developed which should be reviewed continually to ensure the action items are pursued to encourage businesses to locate here, people to choose to live, visit and invest in our community.



Name:
Aaron Walker

Running for:
Councillor
Ward 4

1. I have decided to run for Council because I am interested in growing and sustaining the economic viability within Dysart, enhancing the vibrancy of our community through working with existing businesses and attracting new ones. Natural resources are our greatest asset, I believe in increasing public awareness regarding water quality, lake health and the responsible stewardship of our forests.
2. Haliburton has great natural recreation opportunities like swimming, boating, snowmobiling, fishing, hunting etc. I believe that having a centrally located community centre that would include fitness facilities, gymnastics and space for classes like karate, yoga and aerobics would a) Give youth healthy recreational choices. b) dissuade residents from travelling elsewhere to access these facilities. c) If the facility is within town it will increase visits to local business. Having a pool would be ideal at a Municipal level so as to enhance foot traffic within the village of Haliburton; the pool could be accessed by all within the County.
3. The newly proposed 60/40 split OPP billing model is better than its predecessor but it will still put pressure on taxpayers. Voicing our concern to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario alongside other like-minded Municipalities may raise our profile somewhat through having a unified voice on this issue. Rising policing costs and funding their 8.5 percent wage hike is burdening the Municipal tax base but no solution will be equitable for every Municipality.
4. Poverty has many contributing factors; food banks and social assistance address the symptom, not the source. Education is the key, Teaching life skills, creating community gardens and developing apprenticeship opportunities. Growing our local economy would create more employment opportunity. Many initiatives are already in place but there is always room to grow the good within our community.
5. Growing the local economy and creating employment is going to be a gradual process. Focusing on marketing event tourism

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to drive revenue in the shoulder seasons, Increasing housing within the village to increase visits to local business and maintaining residential tax base. Working with existing businesses and giving incentive to attract new business. New business and new residential property owners will grow our tax base alleviating pressure from seasonal property owners and small business alike. Through strategic planning one project at a time we can create positive change.

6. Economic development is crucial to maintain our quality of life within Dysart. Youth out-migration and rising energy costs are hard hitting realities to our community. Roads, bridges, dams and infrastructure all require attention, but this takes money and therefore a solid tax base.
7. I believe that the Municipality of Dysart has maintained accountability and transparency in regards to municipal governance. In some cases where there is litigation against a Municipality a closed session might be required. I personally feel that Dysart council has no issues in regards to this. Council meetings are generally open with media reporting on items discussed.
8. I would suggest initial implementation of a cultural plan with these 3 steps:

a) Investing in unique and authentic cultural products and experiences that are visitor-focused, which build on the enhanced cultural brand, and which tell a unique story about Haliburton's cultural community.

b) Coordinated marketing initiatives that are geared towards real and potential visitor audiences.

c) Increased cultural engagement strategies and initiatives that drive local and visitor participation in cultural events, offerings and activities while raising the profile of the sector.



Name:

Walt
McKechnie

Running for:
Councillor
Ward 5

1. I've been around Haliburton for the past 44 years and I'm passionate about the future of Haliburton.

ton and I've enjoyed my first term on council.

2. It would be a great idea if it were funded by the county.
3. My understanding is it is based on households and is totally unfair to consider seasonal residents as part of the formula.
4. I am aware of the recent poverty reduction study done by the City of Kawartha Lakes and would support their recommendations.
5. We can grow the economy and provide local jobs by encouraging our young people to choose careers in the construction and health services in our community.
6. Sustaining the infrastructure with affordable taxation.
7. If we follow the guidelines laid out in the municipal act, council will be accountable and transparent.
8. We are in Year 1 of the implementation of the cultural plan and I look forward to future development of the recommendations as they fit in under the municipal budget.

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Masons give to prostate cancer association

The Freemasons of Victoria District, which encompasses fourteen Masonic Lodges within central Ontario from Haliburton down through to Omemee over to Sunderland and Beaverton and back to Minden, recently presented a cheque to Prostate Cancer Canada.

Every year the Freemasons of Victoria District work to raise funds for a selected charity of the district deputy grand master's choice.

John Deak, district deputy grand master for the year 2013-2014 selected Prostate Cancer Canada to raise awareness of this disease and to educate its members and the public in the necessity of regular testing for men to establish early detection and promote healthy lifestyles.

Throughout the many activities supported by the members and public, the Victoria District Masons were able to raise \$11,020 towards the district charity.

Monies came from the sale of lottery tickets, personal, company and lodge donations, a motorcycle poker run, barbecues, a turkey shoot and an afternoon of cards and trivia games.

The winners of the lottery were recently posted in the local newspapers and is also

available for everyone's view on the Victoria District Masons website at www.victoriadistrictmasons.ca.

On Thursday, Aug. 21, at the North Entrance Lodge in Haliburton, John Deak and Kenneth Goodall proudly presented a cheque for \$11,020 to Prostate Cancer Canada representative Tammy Dean on behalf of all the Freemasons of Victoria District.

The winners of the Prostate Cancer Canada Victoria District Lottery are:

First Prize of \$3,000 - Chris Roberts of Tyrone, Ont.

Second Prize of \$1,500 - Wayne Brulotte of Brechin, Ontario

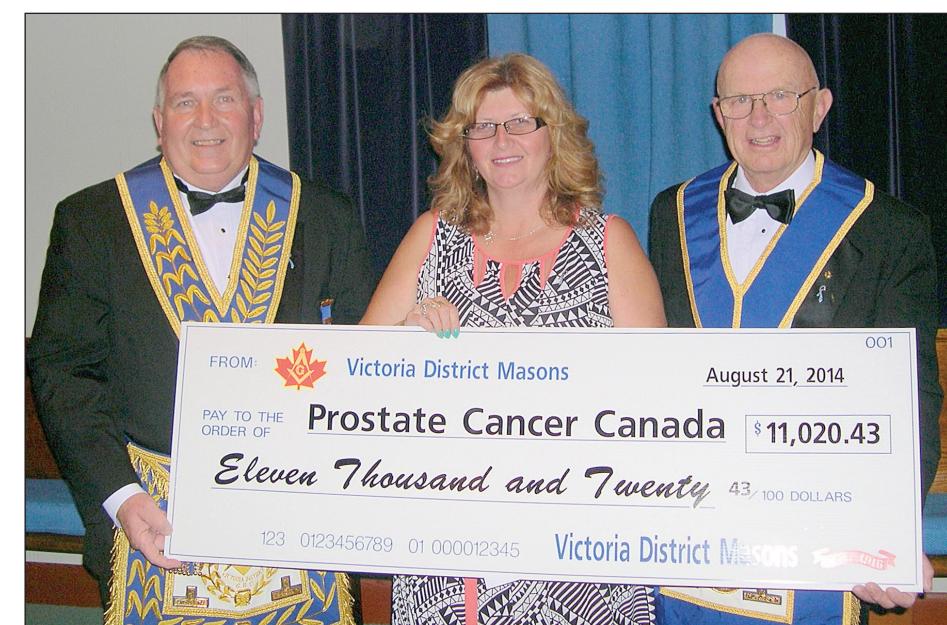
Third Prize of \$750 - Brian Anderson of Bolsover, Ont.

Fourth Prize of \$500 - Joanne Haines of Baileboro, Ont.

Fifth Prize of \$250 - Warren Payne of Minden

Thank you to all who supported this charity by buying or selling tickets and for the many donations received by the Victoria District Masons.

Submitted



From left, John Deak, 2013-2014 district deputy grand master for Victoria District; Tammy Dean, fundraising representative from Prostate Cancer Canada; Kenneth Goodall, 2013-2014 district secretary for Victoria District Masons.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

- DATE: Wednesday, September 10th, 2014
- TIME: 11:00 am.
- LOCATION: Council Chambers at the Municipal Office, 135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

1. D13-MV-2014-020 – 1335120 Ontario Inc.
 - Purpose and Effect: to permit construction of a seasonal dwelling on a property located in the WR6 zone:
 - a) A decrease to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit a seasonal dwelling to have a minimum water setback of 20 metres (66 feet) from a pond/stream as opposed to the required 30 metres (98.43 feet).
 - b) An increase to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit a seasonal dwelling in the WR6 zone to have a main building maximum gross floor area of any storey of 335 square metres (3606 square feet) as opposed to required maximum of 280 square metres (3014 square feet).
 - Location: Part Lots 6 & 7, Concession 12, Part 7, Plan 19R-7849 in the geographic Township of Guilford (Lipsy Lake – West Shore Road).

ANY PERSON is entitled to attend the hearing in person to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by counsel for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept written submissions. **A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.**

FURTHER INFORMATION: including specific information about the zone provisions affected by each application, is available from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

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Food for Kids steering committee member Gary Brohman, left, executive director Marg Cox and coordinator Aaron Walker were ecstatic to receive the \$8,000 cheque from Vince Duchene with Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey as a result of Highlands cottager Mark Kellet's bid on a Matt Duchene autographed Olympic men's hockey jersey at the Matt Duchene Gold Medal Golf Classic charity event earlier this year. Kellet initially had the second highest bid, but Vince Duchene provided another jersey and asked that money go to the Food for Kids program, which has "gone over the top" with one of the largest donations, said Walker.

Darren Lum Staff



Submitted

The Haliburton Soccer Club's vice-president John Stephen, left, secretary-treasurer Jennifer McEathron and outgoing president Sam Itani stand with one of four new nets. The nets come with a unique wheel system that allows them to be wheeled into whatever configuration is needed for youth or adult soccer, or to be put into storage under the JDHES overhang.

HSC scores new nets

Haliburton Soccer Club

Special to the Echo

A project that the Haliburton Soccer Club (HSC) has been working on for many years came to fruition this spring, and will bring joy to Haliburton soccer enthusiasts for many years.

The students of J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School and Stuart Baker Elementary School, and the HSC have four new, very sturdy and virtually indestructible, soccer nets thanks to the persistent efforts of HSC executive members: past president Amy Klose, outgoing president Sam Itani and vice-president John Stephen who did the grunt work as the project lead.

The HSC executive includes Darlene Armstrong, outgoing secretary-treasurer, Jenni McEathron, youth co-ordinator, Terry Gavan, information and web officer, and Tom Thurley, adult co-ordinator.

Hans Walter and his crew at North Steel did an incredible job to construct and deliver the goals within the group's very frugal budget. Blake Paton gets a big thanks for coordinating with the school board.

The nets come with a wheel system that allows them to be wheeled into whatever configuration is needed for youth or adult soccer, or to be put into storage under the JDHES overhang.

They also have a North Steel designed anchoring system to prevent them from tipping over.

This project brings great joy, but also sadness; because it marks the retirement of one third of our long serving executive: Itani and Armstrong, who the membership owes immense gratitude to for the smooth functioning of the HSC.

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College encourages student to consider the trades

It's the time of year that many teenagers silently dread. The days are growing shorter, the weather is getting cooler and in just a few weeks' time, young people from across the province will be heading back to school.

It doesn't have to be all that bad, though.

For students who wince at the idea of sitting in a classroom and cracking open a textbook - and for those who just want to try something different - this is a great time of year to explore programs that offer a doorway to a career in the skilled trades.

Exploring the skilled trades while earning high school credit can be an important first step toward a fulfilling and rewarding future, according to David Tsubouchi, Registrar and CEO of the Ontario College of Trades.

"Many of the trades are on the forefront of the new economy. Solar energy, green technology, engineering - trades professionals are literally building the cities of the future. And with 156 trades to choose from, there's something for everybody."

The College is the industry-driven regulatory body that protects the public interest by regulating and promoting the skilled trades.

And fortunately, it's never been easier for students to learn more about the trades, and gain first-hand experience in the more than 150 different skilled trades in the province.

Public high schools in Ontario offer specialist high skills majors, a specialized curriculum program designed to focus students' learning on a specific economic sector (like construction, energy and forestry) while meeting the requirements to graduate from secondary school. It also assists in their transition after graduation to apprenticeship training, college, university or the workplace.

Additionally, the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) gives students in Grade 11 or 12 the opportunity to explore and work in apprenticeship occupations, and provides the ability to start training in a skilled trade while completing the requirements for their high school diploma.

There is a significant shortage of skilled trade workers in Canada. By some estimates, there will be a shortage of more than 360,000 skilled trade workers by 2025, and more than 500,000 by 2030 - and experts suspect that it is only going to get worse.

High schoolers who embrace the skilled trades can get a

head-start in a career that is demand, and pays well; because of the shortage of skilled tradespeople and the fact that many trades skills are so specialized, some tradespeople can make more than \$60,000 right out of trades school, and many established skilled trades people make in excess of \$100,000 per year.

And embracing the skilled trades doesn't mean leaving academia behind; far from it.

Studying a skilled trade means having a strong academic foundation across many pillars including mathematics, literacy, problem solving and creativity. Plus, many skilled trade professionals are using the most sophisticated equipment and cutting-edge technologies, and are well on their way to

developing specialized and advanced technical skills that will remain in demand for generations.

The College's Tsubouchi believes that the skilled trades should be considered a first choice option for every student in Ontario.

"They're just so important. In the fast-paced, high-tech 21st century, we take it for granted that goods will arrive at their destination thanks to efficient roads and railways and that the lights will always turn on at the flip of a switch. All of those things that we enjoy - they aren't magic, they don't just happen. All of it comes from the hard work of skilled tradespeople."

-Submitted

Meet the challenge

Minden Kinsmen Club and Haliburton County ATV Association hand over a cheque for \$10,000 to the management board of the new Haliburton County Food Centre based in Minden. This new facility is unique in that it combines a food bank, a community kitchen and food storage area under one roof. This building will create a place for storage, handling and distribution of essential, safe, quality food to the needy within our county. It will provide social programs that help foster self-sufficiency, and will offer a grocery store distribution method, where people are able to select a balance of foods rather than receive a pre-packed box of goods.

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Liz Jesseman has recently had a five-day visit with a friend from Connecticut. For the past 25 years these ladies have been alternating visits, summertime boating there, wintertime snowmobiling here.

Heather Harrington has returned from three weeks in Alberta at Sundre, Bergen and a week in Calgary at the Stampede event.

Euchre scores from Aug. 19
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Janet Trull
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Grab a chair on the dock. Nature is playing on the main stage and cottagers have a front row seat. This summer, the show has been totally unpredictable.

We dragged ourselves out of hibernation after a brutal winter, only to struggle through a cold, wet buggy spring. Never mind!

Summer will be super hot and sunny, we promised each other. But... spoiler alert. There was a plot twist that no one anticipated.

The rains came. Water levels rose and dropped and rose again. The polar vortex (also known as the polar pig) brought unseasonably cold temperatures. Leaves started turning in July.

The natural world is just as confused as we are. Mouse populations are moving indoors early. The loons are rafting and ready for migration. Black flies keep hatching, thinking it's May, again and again and again.

Where am I? I look across the lake on days when it is grey and misty and think I'm in Vancouver. What month is it? Did I fall asleep in the hammock like Rip Van Winkle and wake up to discover that I missed the summer of 2014?

There are white shorts and summer shirts in my closet that I never wore. But really, I can't complain. Our grandson learned to fish.

The nights were good for sleeping. And best of all, we welcomed a new cottager to the world on Aug. 9, a baby girl who has already had her first boat ride and swatted her first mosquito.

Like all good Haliburton County cottagers, she will be an optimist. A crummy summer just means flannel sheets and

hoodies and a tarp over the fire pit. It means we read more books and play more board games.

It means that the sky is always brightening and when Grandpa taps the barometer, the needle always moves toward "fair."

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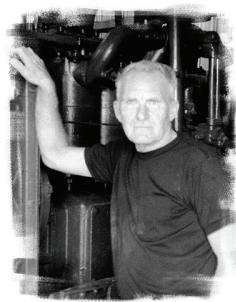
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Grant Clement (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)



Peacefully in his sleep on Wednesday morning, August 20, 2014 in his 85th year. Beloved husband of the late Iris Miller - Clement (nee Toms). Loving father of James Miller, Deborah Dack, Jackie (Tim Mayhew), Karen (Norm Perrott), Mentor and friend to Junior LaPorte, Laurie Johnson and Edna McBurney and to many others. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Maria, Tom, Jenny, Josh, Luke and Jillian and his great grandchildren and the loving Neville Family. Brother of Don and Patsy. Predeceased by his beloved brother Babe (Morris). Also remembered by many nieces and nephews. Grant owned and operated his own business G. Clement Construction for over 40 years in Haliburton County. He built almost all of the roads in the Misquabi development (Trapper's Trail). Grant was a hunter and fisherman. He was happiest in his gravel pit on a piece of heavy equipment, flying his airplane, or traveling the roads of Haliburton County. Grant spent the final seven years of his life in the caring hands of the staff at the Hyland Crest Nursing Home in Minden.

Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception

Friends were invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Friday evening, August 22, 2014 from 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service was in the Chapel on Saturday morning, August 23, 2014 at 11 o'clock (Visitation 1 hr prior). Interment Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy donations to Food For Kids would be appreciated because Grant felt it was important to look after children in this Community.

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They say that time will heal
But nothing that they ever say
Has eased the emptiness we feel
Few truly understand the heartache
That lies beneath our sighs
No one knows how many times
We've broken down and cried
Days and months go by
Memories mentally rehearsed
One thing that remains
We were roundly blessed and cursed
Love is a power greater than death
To this is what we hold

Dear sweet Joshua, you will be loved, remembered and never, ever forgotten.
Your indelible spirit will live on in our minds and hearts, until we can all be together again. Still painfully missed.

*In loving memory of our precious son and brother,
Joshua Daniel Rewa - August 3, 1992 - August 21, 2011
Love, Mum, Dad, Jordon, Dayton and Landon,
and your little dogs, Daisy, Buttons and Blake xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx*

Traviss, Marie

*In loving memory
of a dear wife & grandmother
who passed away August 26th, 1990*

If roses grew in heaven Lord
Please pick a bunch for us
Place them in our loved one's arms
And tell her they're from us
Tell her that we miss her
And when she turns to smile
Place a kiss upon her cheek and
Hold her for a while
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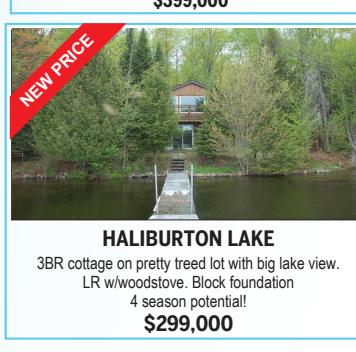
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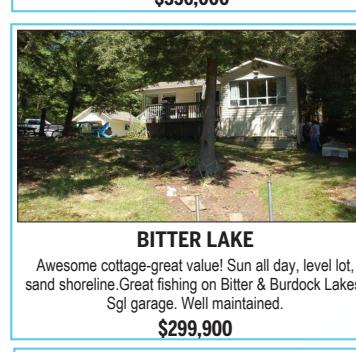
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